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FROM AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

1. ACCORDING TO OCTOBER 3 HONG KONG STANDARD (WITH OCTOBER 2 NEW YORK DATELINE BUT NO AGENCY SOURCE), CHINESE OFFICIALS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING FOR PURCHASE LARGE ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF NORTH AMERICAN GRAIN DESPITE PROSPECTS OF RECORD HARVEST IN CHINA THIS YEAR. THAT REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO QUOTE KNOWLEDGEABLE MID-WEST GRAIN TRADE SOURCES UNQUOTE.

2. PRESS REPORT CLAIMED CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD MEMBERS, NOW IN PEKING, WERE URGING CHINESE TO HALVE THEIR ORDER FOR FOUR MILLION TONS GRAIN. (NO BREAKDOWN OR DELIVERY DATES, BUT MAY REFER TO LONG-TERM AGREEMENT OF TYPE AUSTRALIA WORKING ON.)

3. ARTICLE IN STANDARD ALSO STATED THAT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WERE ATTEMPTING SUBSTANTIATE REPORTS THAT PRC HADD CONTRACTED TO BUY THREE MILLION TONS US CORN. LONDON SHIPPING CIRCLES WERE REPORTED AS CLAIMING THAT

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CHINESE AHD RECENTLY CHARTERED SUFFICIENT TONNAGE TO

MOVE LARGE QUANTITIES GRAIN BEGINNING DECEMBER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VERIFICATION OF REPORTED PURCHASING BY PRC OF EITHER US OR CANADIAN GRAIN;, ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE FIGURES FOR U.S. AND C/NADIAN GRAIN EXPORTS TO PRC FOR FY 1972-73 AND LATEST AVAILABLE FOR CY 1973 (WITH ESTIMATES OF TOTAL SHIPMENTS EXPECTED IN CY 1973).

5. OTTAWA: ASSUME WHEAT SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY BY END OF OCTOBER UNDER TERMS OF NOV. 11, 1972 SALE IS LAST OF DELIVERIEES SCHEDULED THUS FAR TO PRC.
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